

General Criteria for Determining Pick-up and Drop-off Points (Bus Stops)



In determining an efficient and safe bus routing system, the following criteria are used. We:

- A. Minimize as much as possible, the number of road hazards; e.g., steep hills, dangerous approaches to intersections, railroad crossings, narrow bridges, and visibility obstructions;
- B. Ensure that necessary bus turnarounds are safe and suitable in all weather conditions;
- C. Load and discharge students at points from which they need not cross main thoroughfares, crowns of hills, and obstructions in order to reach their homes;
- D. Plan routes so that most students do not have to ride in excess of one (1) hour on the way to or from school;
- E. Consider the number of stops to be made on each route;
- F. Minimize stops on hills of appreciable grade. When necessary, the stop should be made as the bus is traveling downhill. Such stops should be made at a pull-off area or an area posted with a School Bus Safety sign;
- G. Avoid duplication and unnecessary mileage;
- H. Apply the policy governing minimum and maximum distances over which students will be transported equitably and consistently;
- I. Maintain a degree of flexibility for unforeseen circumstances.

--Per Ohio Administrative Code (3301-83-13) pupils in Kindergarten through 8th grade may be required to walk up to ½ mile to a designated bus stop.

Other Items

--All bus stops are located inside District boundaries. **Canal Winchester Local does not allow for bus stops outside of the boundaries of the district.** School-provided transportation is between a student's pick-up/drop-off point (bus stops) and school only. Students are only permitted to ride their assigned bus. For example, your child would not be allowed to ride a different bus to a friend's house after school. Your child may have a pick-up point different from their drop-off point. For example, a child can be picked up at home in the morning and dropped off at daycare after school. An example of something **not** allowed, would be to take a child, after school, to daycare on Monday and Tuesday and then to your home the rest of the week. Parents with court-ordered shared parenting agreements or emergency situations will be looked at on a case-by-case basis.

--Students are only provided transportation to a location that has adequate supervision. **Adequate Supervision** means there is a person with a residence inside District boundaries and within walking distance of that bus stop, who is willing to accept responsibility for your child. It also means that this person will provide your child a way to enter their residence anytime your child is dropped off by school transportation.

--The driver will designate a "place of safety", at the bus stop that each student is required to use.

The "place of safety" will be at least 20 steps or more away from the bus.

When getting off at the bus stop, students must return to the "designated place of safety" and remain in this area until the bus departs.

Open-enrolled Students

The District requires the parents of inter-district open-enrolled students, to provide transportation to and from school. However, the District may provide transportation, within the district, for open-enrolled students in accordance with State law and upon request. Parents' requests for transportation will be considered on a case-by-case basis. If it is determined that space will be consistently available on our school buses and if transportation is feasible, tentative approval will be given and a stop assigned. Once a tentative stop is assigned, parents must also provide an address and a person that can provide adequate supervision of their child(ren) (see definition of "Adequate Supervision", above). **ONLY** after these conditions are met, will a child be allowed to ride school district transportation to and from school.